

RICHMOND GIRL SHOTS MAN AND ENDS HER LIFE

Mrs. Lillian Pfeiffer, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ogden, of this City, Commits Crime in Joliet, Ill.

SHE LEAVES TRAGIC NOTE

"The Wages of Sin Is Death" Written on Card Pinned to Her Dress—Sister in Philadelphia Tries to Stop Deed.

JOLIET, ILL., January 10.—Mrs. Lillian Pfeiffer, a waitress, who said her father is William Ogden, of Richmond, today shot John Robert, head of the Robert Welding Works, while he was in his office here, and then shot herself through the head, dying soon afterwards.

Pinned to the young woman's clothing was a note with the quotation, "The wages of sin is death." Mrs. Pfeiffer, who was told by physicians that his recovery was doubtful, is reported to have said that his real name was John Ulrich, and that seven years ago he deserted his wife and four children in West Philadelphia. A chorus girl is reported to have caused the trouble between him and the Pfeiffer girl.

EFFORT MADE BY SISTER

TO AVOID TRAGEDY

PHILADELPHIA, January 10.—Mrs. Lillian Pfeiffer, who today shot John Robert in Joliet, Ill., and then committed suicide, was a sister of Mrs. Bertha Shellenberger, of this city, and the wife of John Pfeiffer. Mrs. Shellenberger said she had received two letters from her sister, in one of which Mrs. Pfeiffer threatened to kill Robert, another woman in the case and then herself. In the letter she said Robert loved her love for her and even struck her.

Mrs. Shellenberger, thinking that the Chicago police had jurisdiction over Joliet, communicated with them and then went to the local bureau. The Philadelphia police at once got into communication with Joliet, but were too late.

DEAD WOMAN VISITOR

HERE FEW WEEKS AGO

Mrs. William M. Ogden, of 111 Montezuma Avenue, Barton Heights, mother of Mrs. Lillian Pfeiffer, learned of the attempted murder and subsequent suicide of her daughter through press dispatches yesterday afternoon. According to the mother, Mrs. Pfeiffer visited Richmond several weeks ago and spent several days here. Mr. Ogden, father of the dead woman, is an engineer, and played by the Roanoke Breeding Company. The parents state that the remains will be sent to Philadelphia for burial.

COURT OFFICERS ILL

Judge D. C. Richardson and Commonwealth's Attorney Wise Unable to Appear in Lewis Trial.

On account of the illness of Judge D. C. Richardson, of the Hustings Court, and of Commonwealth's Attorney George E. Wise, Judge William A. Montague, of the Chancery Court, sitting for Judge Richardson, yesterday morning postponed the trial of J. A. Lewis, colored, to February 8.

AMUSEMENTS

"THE BIRTH OF A NATION"

STILL "THRILLS AND STIRS"

After having seen and heard "The Birth of a Nation" again last night for about the tenth time, one is but confirmed in the opinion he holds in common with practically everybody else in the United States, that it is far and away the biggest, most artistic, and most thrilling motion picture production that the fertile brains of the picture wizards have ever evolved.

So much has been written about David W. Griffith's achievement, for that is not too large a word, that comparatively little remains to be said, still, because the appearance of so great a picture and production—even on a return engagement—necessitates some comment. It may be said that this has every element that goes to make it a thing apart from, and above, every effort that has yet been made in the line of its endeavor.

To begin with, it is theme is epochal, for it deals with the period immediately preceding the War Between the States, with that titanic conflict itself and with the fearful days that followed it. A portion of that theme was developed by Thomas Dixon, who has the master dramatist's instinct for the gripping situation, in "The Clansman"; and this development is followed closely by Mr. Griffith. In addition to this, however, Mr. Griffith has so handled the story and its background, combining "The Clansman" horrors with the glory and tragedy of the preceding years, as to make his picture a veritable epic.

Further, and of the utmost importance, the actors chosen to portray the principal roles are thoroughly capable in most cases, and in some they are artists extraordinary. Foremost among the artists is Henry Walthall, whose work in the role of Ben Cameron well deserves to be perpetuated. Throughout the play, he is admirable; and at times he reaches the heights. For example, his half-maddened, half-joyful laughter as he leaps over the breastworks to charge is a touch of genius; for another, his trembling chin as he realizes the meaning of his little sister's pitiful substitute for, "mine must touch the most hardened, and still another, the agony he depicts as he hears her moans after the cliff—can almost be felt by the spectator.

Another artist is this little sister, too, Mae Marsh. So is Ralph Lewis, the Stoneman, and so are Joseph Henaberry, the Lincoln, and Walter Long, the negro lieutenant-governor.

The spectacle feature is so well known as hardly to justify extended mention: the battles, the rides of the Ku Klux Klan, the fight in the blacksmith shop—all have been described at length many times. Let it suffice to say again that they have never been equaled, certainly never surpassed, on the screen, and hence never approached on the stage.

Of course, the picture shown yesterday for the first of a week's engagement is the same as that seen here in October, with a few minor changes. That is good, for it is, as is some of that is bad, while some that is not pleasing has been eliminated. The out-of-place advertising of Mr. Griffith's productions still precedes the picture proper and the distasteful allegorical

Not Liable for Hogs' Appetite

Henrico Circuit Court Decides Suit of F. W. Freund Against R. A. Blankenship.

The Henrico Circuit Court yesterday sustained the decision of Magistrate T. J. Puryear in the case of F. W. Freund against R. A. Blankenship in a suit involving \$10 for damages alleged to have been done by Mr. Blankenship's hogs that Mr. Blankenship killed and ate. Magistrate Puryear held that Mr. Blankenship was not liable for depredation by animals not legally owned by him, but simply acquired by force of circumstances. And it was further proven that the cornfield would not have yielded an abundant harvest, even had the hogs kept their distance.

Mr. Freund first owned the corn-hungry animals. They became entirely uncontrollable, according to the evidence—didn't respect fences or anything else that usually hedges hogs in. And so troubled their owner that he turned them loose on the world, disclaiming all ownership. It was then that they found their way to Freund's cornfield and proceeded to help themselves. Finally, he succeeded in driving them away.

It required only a short while for the intractable hogs to find Mr. Blankenship's crop, and their hunger had been in vain appeased. But Mr. Blankenship had more of an eye for business than his harassed neighbor, and had also a better knack for handling fence-defying hogs than Mr. Freund. He put them to work fattening them, and finally made them his own. Then Mr. Freund brought suit, with the foregoing result.

section in which the Christ is shown has not been cut. On the other hand, an ugly Stoneman scene has been omitted and the Hampton Institute pictures are not shown.

Equally, of course, the noteworthy scene in which the orchestra is not, though it is quite as large; that is, the "The Birth of a Nation" is one big thing. "The Birth of a Nation" is the same, and it stirred, excited and thrilled one man on his tenth viewing and a feeling of it as it did on his first.

The film was shown every day throughout the week.

"THE BATTLE CRY OF PEACE"

SHOWS STARTLING SCENES

One of the scenes that have attracted most attention in "The Battle Cry of Peace" is the big motion picture which opened another week's engagement at the Strand Theater last night, is that showing the bursting of bombs that is showing the destruction of the American fleet by the large sea force of the invaders. The first effect was secured by what is known as double exposure. Those familiar with photography, and especially with motion picture photography, will readily understand what this term means. A description of how the scenes were made perfect will be the best explanation for those who know nothing of the art.

During the busy part of the day, Vitaphone directors and their camera men visited Broadway and made pictures showing the hurrying throngs, with the Flatiron Building and other mammoth structures in the distance. After many feet of film had been run off, the diaphragm of the camera lens was carefully and gradually closed, making what motion picture photographers call a "fade." This section of the film was marked carefully and was somewhat underexposed, so that the background and the crowd would not appear too clearly on the completed film. The film was then taken back to the studio grounds and the camera set up with the same section of film in it. Careful attention was given so that the subsequent action would take place on that portion of the film already occupied by the Broadway crowds and not by the background. Then a number of supernumeraries, registering horror and fright by their facial expression and actions, were sent scurrying before the camera, and the photographer began to grind. As the supernumeraries went through their part, studio attaches used smoke pots and smoke sticks to advantage, filling the scene with dense smoke, interrupted at times with flashes of light. All this was accurately recorded by the camera on the same stretch of film on which the Broadway scene had been photographed previously, and when developed it was found that the registered perfectly and blended in a realistic and complete whole. The effect was there, the frightened throngs fleeing for their lives from the death-dealing bombs and shells that were dropping on dear old Broadway and not a single life had been lost, nor had there been a serious accident.

Good Bill at Lyric.

Three acts on the meritorious bill with which the Lyric opened the week yesterday stand out conspicuously, each of them a different class of variety entertainment. Each of these offerings afforded unbounded delight to the crowds that packed the theater at the afternoon and night performances.

One of these novelties was the performance of the Welling-Levering Trio, the laughable exhibition of trick riding is programmed. The two men and the woman of the troupe are expert bicyclists, but the audience at each performance seemed to lose sight of the skill the riders displayed as frequent were the provocations to mirth. The cycling comiques transformed themselves and their machines into all sorts of grotesquely comical shapes and forms. Bikes were turned into horses, and the concluding feature of the burlesque, exciting roars of laughter, was a racing aeroplane.

Something more pretentious from a dramatic viewpoint was the one-act farce, "The New Coachman," in which Louis Simon and his company gave a clean, fast and funny performance. Out of a case of mistaken identity crops a succession of amusing scenes and situations.

Harry Webb, blackface comedian, was the third big hit of the bill. Webb's make-up and eccentric costume started the laughter even before he supplied comic causes. His odd style of delivery and his nonsensical gags and stories, put over in his quaint, rambling way did the rest. At the opening performance he stopped the show for five minutes, the audience refusing to let the next number go on until Manager Rex left the front of the house and dragged the blackface man out of his dressing room under the stage, compelling him to go up and acknowledge the compliment with a bow.

Jeanette Childs, character comedienne, entertained with a number of songs, dances and patter, including an amusing rube impersonation and dance, and the Musical Brass Duo, a pair of good-natured artists gave a novel instrumental and vocal turn, juggling on their lips queer looking trumpet-shaped instruments about eight feet long.

FORM ALUMNI CHAPTER OF LAW FRATERNITY

Delta Theta Phi Members Gather for Luncheon at Business Men's Club.

Alumni of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity of Richmond met at the Business Men's Club for luncheon yesterday and decided to form a chapter of an alumni association. The fraternity is the second largest law fraternity in the country, having thirty-nine chapters in the various law schools scattered through the United States. It is the purpose of the local organization to affiliate with the National Senate, and steps will be taken immediately to secure a charter. The officers elected were: J. Vachon, president; J. B. Duval, vice-president; and Wilmer L. O'Flaherty, secretary and treasurer. Charles H. Ford and E. A. Baker, of the law firm of Baker, Ford & Co., reported to the meeting that seven members in the law school had been pledged, and that the initiation would take place Saturday afternoon at eight o'clock.

Among those present were: W. W. Berkeley, who is a former national officer of the fraternity; J. Randolph Tucker and J. Justin Moore, of the law firm of Tucker, Moore & Co.; G. G. Garland, J. B. Duval, Frank G. Leatham, R. C. Duval, A. A. Brock, Willis D. Miller, A. Taylor Pitt, Bert Mann, E. S. Des Portes, Charles Winfree.

ELOPERS WED

August Fitchner, of Panama, Claims Miss Forsyth, of Roanoke, as Bride in Bristol.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., January 10.—Stealing away from the girls' home in Roanoke to avoid parental objection, August A. Fitchner, a young engineer in the Panama Canal Zone, who came to the States recently, and Miss Fannie Belle Forsyth, an attractive young girl who arrived today at the Bristol Gretna Green, Rev. Alfred H. Burroughs officiating. The bride is a daughter of T. H. Forsyth, of Roanoke, N. J., but the groom's home is in New York. Mr. Fitchner wired the parents of the bride following the ceremony.

"Greenville" Destroyed by Fire. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GREENVILLE, VA., January 10.—"Greenville," the historic old Meredith home, situated in Prince William County, was destroyed by fire a few days ago, the origin of which was determined. Erwin McMichael and family, who occupied the mansion, were absent at the time. Nothing was saved. Insurance was only \$1,000. The house was built in 1762.

DEATHS IN VIRGINIA

Mrs. Trigg Roop.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., January 10.—Mrs. Trigg Roop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Roop, and wife of Trigg Roop, died at the residence of her parents here last night. She is survived by her husband, who is exposed to the disease in a Roanoke hospital. Six small children, her parents and one brother, Everett Roop, of Roanoke, survive.

W. S. Brumfield.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., January 10.—W. S. Brumfield, a Confederate veteran, died at his home, near this place, on yesterday. He served throughout the war in Company C, Fifty-fourth Virginia Volunteers, and was a member of the J. E. Preston Camp of Veterans.

J. W. Carpenter.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, VA., January 10.—J. W. Carpenter, who served in the Confederate army, died here today at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Campbell. He was seventy-six years old and a native of Russell County. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

John W. Burkett.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] HARRISONBURG, VA., January 10.—John W. Burkett, seventy-eight years old, died on Friday night, near East Point, in the Blue Ridge section of East Rockingham. Surviving him are his wife, who was Miss Imogen Dovel, and eight children, including Mrs. Sallie Dovel, of Shenandoah, Va., and Mrs. Jennie Hamm, of Greene County.

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WILSON TAKES UP TASK OF FILLING LAMAR'S SEAT

He Goes Over With Attorney-General Gregory Long List of Names Suggested.

LARGE NUMBER ELIMINATED

Little Prospect of Former President Taft Being Selected for Place on Supreme Bench—Democrat Certain to Receive Appointment.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—President Wilson and Attorney-General Gregory to-night began considering suggestions for the vacancy in the Supreme Court caused by the death of Justice Lamar. They conferred for more than an hour, going over a list of more than twenty men suggested for the place and eliminating many names. Afterwards the Attorney-General said no decision had been reached, and that the field was still open.

A Democrat is almost certain to be selected. Officials said to-night that enough Democrats of Supreme Court timber had been suggested practically to eliminate the possibility of a Republican being appointed. A majority of the present members of the court are Republicans.

Former President Taft has been suggested for the vacancy in message received at the White House from many parts of the country, but it is understood there is no prospect of his being chosen.

Attorney-General Gregory and John W. Davis, solicitor-general, who also have been mentioned, are not being considered, because if appointed they would not be eligible to participate in the consideration of several important cases now pending, for the reason that they took part in preparation of the government's argument. The court already includes former Attorney-General McInnes, who is handicapped in the same way.

Members of the Supreme Courts of various States and several Federal judges are under consideration. The President is seeking to find as young a man as possible who is qualified. No man over sixty will be appointed, and for this reason several of those whose names have been brought forward are not being considered.

The White House wired to Governor Henry C. Stuart, of Virginia, to-day, asking if it were possible for him and other friends of former Governor Montague to call at the White House at 12:30 o'clock on Thursday. If this is not convenient, the President will

Those invited include all the major-

see the Virginians early next week. Senator Martin, of Virginia, did not announce to-day the name of the Virginian whom he will recommend for the vacancy. He said this afternoon that he might be in a position to do this to-morrow.

SWANSON NOT COMMITTED

TO ANY CANDIDATE

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, VA., January 10.—Claude Swanson, junior United States Senator from Virginia, declared to commit himself to-day when asked if he would support Congressman A. J. Montague for the United States Supreme Court to succeed the late Justice Lamar. Senator Swanson said that the Virginia bar associations apparently are taking no interest in the opportunity to secure a Virginian for the Supreme Court, the only association taking any action being that of Bristol. He said that he had not made up his mind which of the Virginia aspirants he would support.

Senator Swanson addressed the Norfolk Club on preparedness to-night. "The present war has demonstrated that the future prosperity of our country will depend largely upon our commerce upon the seas. We must protect it, and we must demand it, as a matter of right and not of favor. That is why I am in favor of the naval program," he said.

"This is the sentiment of the majority of Congress," said Mr. Swanson, "and there is every assurance that the present naval program will be carried through."

There will be appreciable opposition to the military program, he thinks, not because of lack of belief in the principle of preparedness, but for the reason that many who favor a powerful navy and who expect to see the naval program adopted take the view that such a sea force as proposed would leave no need for a great increase in the land forces of the country. Coupled with this sentiment tending to oppose the general military program, is the advocacy of increase and improvement of the National Guard, to meet the situation for national defense. Mr. Swanson believes in aid for the militia, and expressed the view that legislation for the good of the volunteer service would be enacted at the present session of Congress.

DEMOCRATIC LEADERS

ASKED TO CONFERENCE

They Will Be Guests at Dinner Given by McAdoo to Discuss Revenue Legislation.

WASHINGTON, January 10.—Democratic leaders of the House have been invited by Secretary McAdoo to a dinner at his home on Sunday night, which is expected to furnish an opportunity for an administration conference on legislation to provide additional revenue and the new merchant marine bill.

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